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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Syracuse University Press. Under the steady leadership of Director Alice Pfeiffer, it is my hope that the Syracuse University Press continues to provide this great service to our community and to the world for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARLA GUERRA'S RETIREMENT

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Marla M. Guerra, a dedicated educator who is retiring after 17 years of service as the superintendent of South Texas Independent School District (ISD).

Dr. Guerra's professional accomplishments are numerous and impressive. She has passionately guided South Texas ISD, continuously improving the quality of education, and earning state and national recognitions along the way. Under her leadership, South Texas ISD was recognized first in Texas, and sixth in the nation in the Niche 2018 category for "Best K-12 School Districts." Dr. Guerra was also named the 2018 Texas Association of School Boards' Regional Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Guerra is an influential educator with a strong focus on educational growth for student development. Her work for the district has supported the expansion of both academic offerings and life-changing opportunities for students and teachers to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Prior to her role as superintendent of South Texas ISD, Dr. Guerra served as a teacher, principal, and college professor. She was also a social worker and worked alongside Child Protective Services. Dr. Guerra is a true champion for our youth, and her success has unequivocally empowered them to improve themselves and their communities.

As a leader and advocate for our children, Dr. Guerra has molded South Texas ISD into the district it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marla M. Guerra for her more than 40 years of public service for our children and schools.

HONORING RUTHIE'S RUN ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ruthie's Run on its 50th Anniversary.

A visit to Lake Placid, New York, is not complete without a stop at Ruthie's Run, the iconic sportswear and skiwear shop. Ruthie's Run has offered a wide variety of skiing goods since Ruth Prime purchased Thaire's Ski Shop in 1968 and renamed it after a slope on Aspen Mountain in Colorado.

In 1984, Cathy and Wayne Johnston left their jobs in the corporate world and bought Ruthie's Run to make their own mark in the community, and they have maintained quality service ever since. Ruthie's Run offers a selection for customers looking for a wide variety of price range and style. With Cathy's expertise to solve any wardrobe issue, customers never leave Ruthie's unsatisfied.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Ruthie's Run on its 50th anniversary. Ruthie's is a staple in the Lake Placid community, and I look forward to watching the Johnstons continue its legacy in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE PUERTO RICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Puerto Rican Bar Association, as it celebrates its 40th Year Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala on October 12, 2018.

The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) was founded in 1957. It is the largest Latino bar association in New York State and offers personal and professional support to Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys. The PRBA Scholarship Fund raises money to award scholarships to deserving law students. Founded in 1978 by Justice Donald Grajales, himself a past president of the PRBA, it has provided over \$500,000,000 to law students based on scholastic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

The lawyers who make up PRBA have a strong dedication to public service and to preserving the civil and political rights of Puerto Ricans and Latinos. This has been an extraordinary year in which the PRBA has been presente! I am proud of all the members who volunteered and dedicated time and resources to help the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, the detained children and hardworking families in New York City.

One thing is for certain, the members of PRBA have an unwavering commitment to the legal profession, to each other and to the people they serve. I want to especially thank Carmen Pacheco, Esq., for her dedication and leadership during her term as President and congratulate Honorable Wilma Guzman, the first judge ever elected President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. I am confident that her experience, vision and leadership will propel the association to new heights.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Puerto Rican Bar Association and the Puerto Rican Bar Scholarship Fund on this special 40th year anniversary. I wish the Puerto Rican Bar Association continued success in many more years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH HALL ROTARY CLUB

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Hall Rotary Club for raising over \$8,000 for charities in Northeast Georgia.

Rotary International is a service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, advance goodwill, and promote peace around the world.

During their recent Awesome 80s 5K run, the South Hall Rotary Club raised more than \$8,000 to support the Relay for Life Hall County, the University of North Georgia Food Pantry, and their annual Foster Kids of Hall County Christmas Party. More than one hundred runners participated in the charitable event. Many of the participants celebrated by wearing costumes, neon shorts and leggings, wild colorful hairstyles, big glasses, and headbands on race day. Uniformly, however, the participants reflected the generous spirit of Northeast Georgia, and a strong commitment to serving their community.

In past races, the South Hall Rotary Club has helped raise funds to support new dental equipment for Good News Clinic, Boys & Girls Club, and for a new computer lab at the Compas Center.

I visited with President Renee Carden and the South Hall Rotary Club this August and was inspired by their dedication and giving spirit. I thank the South Hall Rotary Club for their philanthropic efforts and their work to unite the community for good.

HONORING MICHAEL GUERRA-YORK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Guerra-York. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Guerra-York for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TEXAN: ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KRISTIAN MENCHACA—MEMBER OF THE BAND OF BROTHERS

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the 101st Airborne of the United States Army is otherwise known as the Band of Brothers. They were called the Screaming Eagles of World War II. They held off the Germans in the battle of the Bulge. Their legacy was continued, as the 101st remained on duty in the blistering heat of Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Once again fighting the forces of tyranny and terrorism.

Twenty-three year old Kristian Menchaca was born May 29, 1983, in my hometown of Houston, Texas. He moved to Brownsville with his mother, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, when he was a young boy. He attended Gary Job Corps center in San Marcos, TX, where he completed the correctional officers training program in six months and earned a certificate. Kristian Menchaca told his family Christmas Day, 2004 that he planned to enlist. They tried to talk him out of it, but Kristian Menchaca insisted, and his family came around.

He had the goal of using his military experience to become a Border Patrol agent. He scored so high on his entrance test that he was given the option to bypass the infantry. He chose not to do that. Instead, he signed up in March 2005 and wound up in the 101st Airborne. He married his wife, Christina, three weeks before he was deployed with the United States Army. The Army turned Kristian Menchaca's life around. It gave him a greater purpose, a higher calling.

In June of 2006, at an outpost near Baghdad, American volunteers of the 101st found themselves surrounded and attacked by the enemy. One soldier, Specialist David Babineau, was killed in the skirmish. Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and Private First Class Thomas Tucker were kidnapped, captured, and later, murdered.

He left behind a wife, a family, and a lot of grateful Americans.

This enemy we fought in the desert sands of Iraq and Afghanistan were evil villains who oppose our righteous and just cause to proclaim freedom throughout the world. These terrorists took no prisoners. They had no POW camps. News reports claimed the attackers of the outpost all wore masks to cover their faces.

Mr. Speaker, outlaws and bandits of the Old West wore masks to disguise who they were because they, like these terrorists, covered up their wicked intentions of destruction of everything that is good and right. But just like those outlaws, these criminals were hunted, tracked, and brought to a speedy end, because the 101st brought justice to the hot hills of Iraq.

Shakespeare said of the brothers in Henry V how they will be regarded. He said, "From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered; we few, we happy few, we band of brothers; for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother."

Private First Class Kristian Menchaca was later awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and a Prisoner of War Medal.

We continue to honor Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and the Band of Brothers—the unyielding warriors that proved strongest against terror.

And that's just the way it is.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. ROBERT JENKINS

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Mr. Robert Jenkins who passed away Monday, September 24, 2018. Robert Jenkins honored his country with a long career of service, first as a United States Marine, and then for over 30 years as an electronic technician for the federal government. His life was an example of commitment, love and service from which all of us would be wise to learn.

Robert was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on May 10, 1930. One of six children, Robert enlisted with the Marine Corps when he was 17 years old in 1947, requiring his parents' approval. He served with the 1st Marine Corps Division, 1st Weapon Battalion as 81mm Mortar Platoon Squad Leader. Stationed at numerous locations from Guam to Quantico, Virginia, Robert served in the Marine Corps for four years before being honorably discharged in 1951.

In 1953, he married Miriam Freedman, who preceded him in death in February 2012, and they raised four daughters together: Karen, Carol, Beverly, and Andrea. He went on to have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, Robert was a model for all of us not only in his work, but in his personal life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Jenkins and in thanking the Jenkins family their incredible sacrifices, devotion, and service to our nation; words cannot express our gratitude. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

HONORING THE YMCA'S 135TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a feat to reach a 100th anniversary, it is a greater feat to reach a 125th anniversary, but, Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize an organization within my district that has reached its 135th anniversary, the Yonkers Family YMCA.

The Yonkers Family YMCA began in 1882 by accident. Story has it that the founders were traveling to New York City, but became lost in Yonkers. They decided to open a local chapter of the YMCA in Yonkers, and 135 years later, the Yonkers Family YMCA remains a cornerstone of the community.

"To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all." That's the YMCA's mission statement, which strives to provide a safe environment where those in the commu-

nity can better their lifestyle through health and fitness. As such, the Yonkers Family YMCA offers a variety of programs year-round for Yonkers residents and the surrounding area, that include boxing, aquatics, youth, and teen summer camps, as well as youth employment training programs.

It would not be possible for the Yonkers Family YMCA to offer the wellness programs and services to the community without help from the community itself. Yonkers has always stood by the YMCA, and continues to support its vital mission.

I would be remiss to not mention the YMCA's leadership, which ensures the continued success of the YMCA on a day-to-day basis: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Marisol Mancebo, Vincet Talia Ferro, John Thompson, Donald Golding, Mercedes Bangari, Donald Somerville, Carolyn Mosha, Franklin Peat, and Keith Guinyard. Additionally, I want to also thank the Board of Directors for their continual support of the YMCA: Maria George, Steven Tvert, Arnaldo Torres, John Pagliarola, Christopher Jonson, Jade Sharpe and Maurine Koranteng.

Mr. Speaker, the Yonkers Family YMCA has been a central part of the lives of people all throughout the region for well over a century. It's a remarkable feat that deserves this recognition. Congratulations to the entire Yonkers Family YMCA family for 135 years of service, and may they have many more years of great success.

INSIDER THREATS TO AVIATION SECURITY: AIRLINE AND AIRPORT PERSPECTIVES

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Chairman KATKO and Ranking Member WATSON COLEMAN, for calling this important hearing to take a closer look at the new challenges that pose security threats to airports and carriers nationwide.

As Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Aviation Subcommittee, I am committed to ensuring the United States continues to have the safest air-space system in the history of flight. In light of recent events, it is clear there is more Congress can do to make the system safer.

Less than two months ago, on August 10, 2018, an airline employee stole an aircraft at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) in my home state of Washington and engaged in unauthorized flight.

If not for the rapid response teams, particularly Sea-Tac air traffic controllers and the Air National Guard, who remained calm throughout a very intense situation and worked diligently to contain the incident, this tragedy could have devastated communities in North-west Washington.

Sea-Tac is a major hub in the national airport network and has long been a leader in airport security. The airport conducts extensive security clearance measures and thorough employee background checks, and uses advanced technologies to ensure the safety of its passengers and employees.

However, this incident demonstrates the need for the federal government and industry